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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 05-APR-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	69.75-81	71-74	73.27	28

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	159,305	156,496

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

74.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.97

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	255.50	1,209
BREASTS - B/S	229.00	5,376
BREASTS - WHOLE	122.50	1,770
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.50	981
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,540
WINGS	129.50	2,900

MIDWEST Preliminary prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings light to fair and at slight discounts from earlier part of week. Buyers were cautious and satisfied with hand to mouth acquisitions. Retail demand was light; trade opinion was that prices were too high and that traditional holiday items were the main focus. Food service demand was fair for the most part, instances better into some fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were mostly in a desirable range. Trade on parts items was nonaggressive as buyers turn cautious and selective. Wings and tenderloins remain in good balance; boneless/skinless breasts offerings were more apparent and slightly discounted; dark meat cuts, especially drums and thighs were building and finding little additional interest. The market tone was generally steady on white meat cuts, although wings were mixed with dark meat items barely steady to weak.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF APRIL 02, 2004

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.60	61.00	62.00	EASTERN REGION	61.17	59.00	59.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	63.00**	61.00	CENTRAL REGION	61.00	61.00**	59.00
WESTERN REGION	66.00	66.00	61.50**	WESTERN REGION	64.00	61.00**	57.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 27-Mar-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	152,749
AVG WT	5.16
LAST WEEK	153,006
SAME WK YR AGO	152,814
AVG WT	5.07
TO-DATE/2004	1,842,387
TO-DATE/2003	1,807,846

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS

YOUNG TOMS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,808	2,595
AVG WT	15.86	36.62
LAST WEEK	1,701	2,449
SAME WK YR AGO	1,592	2,920
AVG WT	16.22	36.68
TO-DATE/2004	20,352	29,624
TO-DATE/2003	20,558	31,946

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	116.00	116.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	145.00 - 150.00	145.83
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	95.00	95.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	141.00 - 151.00	146.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy	632.00 656.00	653.29
168 3 Round, top inside round	156.00 165.48	157.88
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	636.00 659.70	648.73
Ground Beef 81%	102.00 119.66	110.99

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